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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Tony Wai-Chiu So *et al.*

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A one-month petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment. As January 22, 2005 fell on a Saturday, Applicants believe that the following response is timely by being filed on the next business day.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.